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INTERNATIONAL BUREAU ANNOUNCES STAFFING CHANGES ***J. Breck Blalock Named Chief of Staff***

Washington, D.C. -- Today, the International Bureau announced new staffing positions within the FCC's International Bureau.

Office of the Bureau Chief. Donald Abelson, the Bureau's Chief, made the following announcements:

- **J. Breck Blalock** will be the Bureau's new Chief of Staff and also has the title of Associate Bureau Chief. Mr. Blalock will oversee short and medium-term strategic planning and development for the Bureau, as well as agency-wide coordination of Bureau items and initiatives. In his current role as Deputy Chief of the Bureau's Policy Division, Mr. Blalock assists in directing and coordinating all Division matters. Mr. Blalock joined the FCC in 1999 as Chief of the Bureau's Policy & Facilities Branch, Telecommunications Division and later was Deputy Chief, Planning and Negotiations Division. Prior to joining the Commission, Mr. Blalock was in private practice. Mr. Blalock has a J.D. with honors from Tulane Law School and a B.A. in Neuroscience from Colgate University.
- **Steven Spaeth** is serving as a Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief. In this position, which is a rotational detail, Mr. Spaeth provides legal and policy counsel for all Satellite Division matters. Mr. Spaeth has worked for the International Bureau since 1999. Most recently, as an attorney in the Satellite Division, he helped reform the satellite licensing process and streamline the procedure for non-U.S.-licensed satellite operators seeking access to the U.S. market, as well as covered other satellite policy and licensing issues. Prior to that, Mr. Spaeth was an attorney in the Common Carrier Bureau. He has a J.D. from Northwestern University Law School and a B.S. from Eastern Michigan University.
- **David Strickland** is serving as a Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief. In this position, which is a rotational detail, Mr. Strickland provides legal and policy counsel regarding all Policy Division matters. Mr. Strickland started in the International Bureau in 2002, as an attorney in the Policy Division, where he worked on a variety of telecommunications and spectrum-related issues. Prior to the FCC, he was in private practice at Bryan Cave LLP.

Mr. Strickland has a J.D. from Harvard Law School and a B.A. from the University of Virginia.

Policy Division. James Ball, Chief of the Bureau's Policy Division made the following announcement:

- **Alexandra Field** has been appointed Assistant Division Chief. In this role, Ms. Field will assist in executing the Division mission and managing its projects and staff. Ms. Field, who joined the International Bureau from the Common Carrier Bureau in 1997, most immediately served as Senior Legal Advisor in the Office of the Bureau Chief. Prior to joining the Commission, Ms. Field was in private practice. Ms. Field has a J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center and a B.A. in Astronomy and Astrophysics from Harvard University.

Satellite Division. Thomas Tycz, Chief of the Bureau's Satellite Division, made the following announcement:

- **Andrea Ines Kelly** has been appointed as Chief, Policy Branch. In this role, Ms. Kelly will supervise the activities of the Policy Branch and provide policy and legal expertise to the Division. Ms. Kelly joined the FCC in 1999 as an attorney-advisor in the Auctions Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau where, in 2000, she was promoted to Deputy Chief, Legal Branch. Prior to joining the FCC, from 1993 until 1999, Ms. Kelly was a trial attorney with the U.S. Department of Justice. Ms. Kelly has a J.D. with Honors from the University of Texas at Austin, School of Law, and a B.A. from Duke University.